



WALLOWA-WHITMAN NATIONAL FOREST

Forest Order #T-2015-0616-Whitman-03



Fire Closure

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Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50(a) and (b), beginning August 22, 2015, 00:01 A.M., until further notice, the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this order within the Whitman Ranger District of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

1. It is prohibited for any person to be on any road or in the area described in Appendix A of this order. **36 CFR 261.53(e).**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Sec. 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1.) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- (2.) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Baker City, Oregon, this 21 of August 2015

/s/Thomas Montoya

THOMAS MONTOYA

Forest Supervisor

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

Appendix A -Restricted Area Described:



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All land lying within the following metes and bounds description. All references to Range are based on the Willamette Meridian.

Beginning at Forest Road 67 (west of Medical Springs) where it intersects the westerly boundary of Section 23, T6S, R42E;

Thence north along the westerly boundaries of Sections 23, 14, 11, and 2;

Thence north along the westerly boundaries of Sections 35 and 26, T5S, R42E, to the South Fork of Catherine Creek;

Thence northeasterly along the South Fork of Catherine Creek to the Eagle Cap Wilderness Boundary;

Thence easterly along the southern boundary of the Eagle Cap Wilderness to Boulder Creek in Section 31, T6S, R45E;

Thence southwesterly along Boulder Creek to the Wallowa-Whitman NF boundary in Section 10, T7S, R45E;

Thence southerly along the Wallowa-Whitman NF boundary, that generally parallels Pine Creek, to the southeast corner of Section 24, T8S, R45E;

Thence westerly and northwesterly along the southern boundary of the Wallowa-Whitman NF to Forest Road 70 in Section 6, T8S, R44E;

Thence northerly and northwesterly along Forest Road 70 to its intersection with Forest Road 7045 in Section 6, T7S, R43E;

Thence northwesterly along Forest Road 7045 to its intersection with Forest Road 67 in Section 25, T6S, R42E;

Thence northwesterly along Forest Road 67 to the point of Beginning.

See Map for Area

Statement of Need:

This closure is necessary to provide forest visitors protection from the current hazardous conditions associated with the current fire situation on the Whitman Ranger District.

Enforcement Procedures:

Enforcement will be conducted by FPOs, LEOs and SAs.

Posting:

Posting shall be done by the forest staff or fire personnel assigned to the fire. Posting should be made at all major access point to the area.

Enforcement Plan

| <u>Action</u> | <u>Responsible Official</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Prepare proposed order | Appropriate Staff with LEI input | 8/21/2015 |
| Review proposed order | Patrol Captain | 8/21/2015 |
| Approve proposed order | Forest Supervisor | 8/21/2015 |
| Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51 | District Staff Officer and Staff | 8/21/2015 |
| Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives | District Ranger PAO, LEO | n/a |

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

Thomas Montoya

John Byas



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Patrol Commander





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Eagle Fire Complex: Area Closure

Date: 08/21/2015

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